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REMARKS

The undersigned acknowledges the courteous treatment received during the course of a personal interview with Examiners Price and Keasel held on this date.

During the interview, there was a thorough discussion of the art in relation to the claims, and the Examiner noted the reference McMillion which was of record in this application but not used in the rejection of the claims. This reference shows a valve block arrangement similar to the present invention which raises new issues for Applicant.

Accordingly, the present amendment is designed to overcome the "new" reference by the addition of the following limitations to claim 1:

A chamber within the housing surrounding release valve spring 24 adjacent aperture 23 (see Fig. 3).

The release valve block having inner and outer recesses to seat one end of each of the two springs (see Fig. 3).

The piston-like member supporting the opposite end of the intake valve spring (Fig. 3) having an annular space between the member and the valve housing and passageways through the piston-like member to facilitate the flow of gas into the closed system.

The graduated indicia on the outside of the housing, the indicia being partially covered by the setting nut to indicate the maximum pressure selected (Fig. 4).

Other details of the intake and release valve blocks.

Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled.

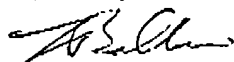
It is believed that these features together are lacking in McMillion or other references of record.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

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